

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

Case No. 8:03-CR-77-T-30TBM

GHASSAN ZAYED BALLUT

**DEFENDANT GHASSAN BALLUT'S CO-COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR  
LEAVE TO BRING ELECTRONIC DEVICES TO COURTROOM**

The Defendant, GHASSAN ZAYED BALLUT, by and through his undersigned counsel, pursuant to Local Rule 4.11(b), hereby requests this Honorable Court to permit the Defendant's co-counsel to bring into the Court an electronic device as described below during the trial of this cause and other related proceedings, and as grounds therefor states:

1. A substantial portion of the evidence provided by the parties in this cause was placed on CD-ROM disks to facilitate storage and retrieval of hundreds of pages of information.
2. All of the Defendant's motions and most of the Defendant's counsel's work product in this case has also been stored electronically, either to hard drive, CD-ROM's, or floppy disks over a period of more than two years.
3. The electronic device the Defendant's co-counsel asks to bring into Court is the co-counsel's Compaq Presario V4000 laptop computer, including a power cord.
6. This electronic device will be brought into the courthouse with the understanding that the device will be subject to inspection at any time by court security personnel.

**Memorandum of Law**

The judicial officer before whom a particular case or proceeding is pending may permit

cellular telephones and computer equipment to be brought into the courthouse and courtroom.

Local Rule 4.11(b). Such permission has already been given to other counsel in this case to facilitate access to records and materials during the trial of this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

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